

AMERICAN DELEGATES AND SOCIETIES



MISS ISABEL McISAAC

President of the Congress

MISS ISABEL McISAAC, the president of the Congress, is a graduate of the Illinois Training-School for Nurses connected with Cook County and the Presbyterian Hospital, of Chicago, Illinois, of the Class of '88, and was, with her sister, among Mrs. Hampton Robb's first pupils. She has remained in the school since she first entered as a probationer. Upon her graduation she was made assistant in charge of the Presbyterian Hospital, and in 1895 was appointed to the position of superintendent of the school, where she now has five assistants.

Miss McIsaac is of Scotch parentage, and was born in Iowa. She is endowed with a stanch, loyal, and upright nature; she has no patience with any kind of sham, and has a vein of dry humor quite irresistible. Her opinions and sympathies are broad, and she has a genius for common sense.

COLORADO

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF DENVER

THE Trained Nurses' Association of Denver, Colorado, will be represented by its president, MISS ELLA M. ALLEN.

Miss Allen graduated from the McLean Hospital with the first class and from the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1887, then returned to McLean and served as supervisor of the women's department for two years. She then went to Oberlin, Ohio, and took three-years' collegiate work, and while there did the nursing in Talcott Hall. In 1892 she went to Denver and did private nursing for four years, then returned to Oberlin and for three years held the position of matron of Baldwin Cottage. After five-months' post-graduate work at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York in 1899 she returned to Denver, where she has been doing private nursing.

"The Trained Nurses' Association" of Denver, Colorado, was organized in March, 1900. The present membership is about fifty, and includes graduates from the Denver and many Eastern schools.



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ORDER OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES

(Delegate promised.)

IN the fall and winter of 1898-99, DR. ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, feeling that an organization of Spanish-American War nurses should be formed, consulted with a considerable number of war nurses, who expressed themselves in favor of such a step, and a committee was selected, composed of Miss M. Eugénie Hibbard as chairman, Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbury, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Jane Hodson. This committee sent out circulars to all graduate nurses who had served under contract in the army.

The response was most gratifying, and by the end of June three hundred and forty-one names were enrolled, and at the time of the first meeting five hundred nurses had joined as active members. This first meeting was held in New York City, September 5, 6, and 7, 1900, by courtesy of Miss Irene Sutcliffe, in the parlors of the Nurses' Home of the New York Hospital.

At this meeting Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was elected president. Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes, Miss Mary J. McCloud, Miss Isabel J. Walton, Miss Isabel E. Cowan, Miss Annie A. Robbins, Miss Rose Meiselbach, Miss Mary E. Dryer, and Miss McEvoy were elected vice-presidents, Mrs. Harriet Camp Lounsbury corresponding secretary and treasurer, and Miss Lela Wilson recording secretary.

The order has money in the bank, which was collected by the preliminary committee, for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument in the National Cemetery at Arlington to the memory of those nurses who died while serving the soldiers. The difficulty of obtaining permission from the Government to erect the monument has caused this good work to be laid by for the present.

The order has started a "sick and benefit fund" for the relief of those of its members who have lost their strength and health while in the army work.

COLUMBIA AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON

MISS ELIZABETH M. HEWITT, the delegate from the Columbia and Children's Hospitals Alumnae Association to the Congress of Nurses, is a native of Pennsylvania. Miss Hewitt entered the school in 1893, and graduated in the Class of '95. Her first year was spent in private

nursing at her home. Returning to Washington, she did private nursing until July of 1898, when she entered the Spanish-American War service, remaining in the service till February, 1899, after which she did private nursing until October of the same year, when she was appointed head nurse of the Children's Hospital, which position she still holds.

The Alumnae Association of the Columbia and the Children's Hospitals of Washington, D. C., was organized in 1900 with a membership of eighteen, Miss Corbett, of the Class of '98, being the first president. During the winter the association enjoyed a number of lectures given by the doctors of the visiting staff which proved to be very instructive. At the annual meeting held at the Children's Hospital, June 24, the following officers were elected for the year: President, Miss I. I. Entwisle; vice-president, Miss Cora Kibler; secretary, Miss E. M. Hewitt; treasurer, Miss E. Flynn.

The annual report closes with a membership of forty-one.

GARFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, WASHINGTON

MISS SEARS, the delegate from the Garfield Hospital Alumnae, was graduated in the Class of '96, and has been engaged since in private nursing. Since 1898 she has been treasurer of the Alumnae Association.

The inspiration to organize an Alumnae Association came from Miss S. F. Palmer, the first superintendent of nurses in the Garfield Memorial Hospital.

A small number of nurses responded to the call in April, 1895, when the preliminary meeting was held, and soon after the association was duly formed with Miss M. A. Mullen, president, she also being a charter member in the National Association. A constitution and by-laws were adopted which were later revised and articles of incorporation added. These were again revised in 1900, and now include a code of ethics.

Monthly meetings have been held, at which at first papers were prepared and read by the nurses, but in the past two years lectures have been given by the different physicians on subjects outlined in the course of study. The working membership has slowly but very surely increased. Out of seventy-eight graduates forty-nine are members, five have died, fifteen married, eleven are in institutional work, five in the army, and the remainder are doing private nursing.

An alumnæ pin was adopted in 1896, and is now worn by the majority of members. The alumnæ dues have been increased from one dollar to three dollars, two-thirds of this going to the sick-fund. From this fund nurses have been aided at different times.

Last year the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Albans was given talks on nursing subjects by the nurses. These were arranged for twice a month and lasted from October until April. A Mothers' Club was given talks once a month. When necessary these were illustrated either with the objects or patients. Knowing the busy life of a nurse and the uncertainty of her time, the labor in preparing these talks and in keeping the dates can be appreciated.

Efforts were made some years ago to start hourly nursing, but this has not yet been made a success.

THE ARMY NURSE CORPS

MRS. DITA H. KINNEY, who represents the Army Nurse Corps, is a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital School for Nurses, Class of '92.

Mrs. Kinney has had experience in the lecture-field, as a private nurse, in tenement-house and instructive district nursing, and in institutions. She entered the army with the breaking out of the Spanish-American War, served in the ranks and as chief nurse, and was appointed to succeed Dr. McGee in the early part of this year.*

The Army Nurse Corps, child of Columbia's sorrow and travail, leaped into existence, like Minerva, armed cap-à-pie and ready for work. It cannot, however, be said that at the moment of her birth she had attained her fullest development, but she became at once a valuable and most useful member of society.

The applications for admission to the corps from the first up to the present have numbered about eight thousand. Of these the government has employed sixteen hundred and eighty. The first party of four was sent to Key West, Florida, on May 10, 1898. The largest number employed at any one time was twelve hundred, in September of that same year.

The passage of the Army Reorganization Bill, February 2, 1901, put the corps on a permanent basis and inaugurated some changes, the most important of which was the requirement for a trained nurse to have

* A full account of Mrs. Kinney's work, with portrait, was published in the March number of this JOURNAL.—ED.

charge of the administrative work of the corps under the Surgeon-General. Mrs. Dita H. Kinney was appointed to that position March 15, 1901.

Those officials of the Medical Department of the United States army who thought at first that there was no place in army hospitals for trained nurses have, almost without exception, been converted to the opposite opinion, and now stand ready to testify to the value of the work done by these trained assistants. One says, "By their presence they have raised the moral tone of the hospitals where they have served and lowered the death-rate." Could any praise be higher?

There have been sixteen deaths among the nurses since they were first employed. Most of these were from typhoid fever contracted in the camps during the war. Two died after discharge from disabilities present before they entered the service.

There are at present one hundred and seventy-three nurses in the corps, distributed as follows: United States, forty-eight; Cuba, six; Philippine Islands, ninety-three; on transports, fifteen; on waiting orders, eleven.

ILLINOIS

VISITING NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

MISS HARRIET FULMER, superintendent of nurses of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Chicago, is a native of New York City. She entered St. Luke's Training-School for Nurses, Chicago, in 1892, and from the first she gave evidence of special aptitude for the profession she had chosen. During the World's Fair she served as pupil nurse under Dr. John Owens in the hospital on the Fair grounds. In 1896 she graduated from St. Luke's and went into private duty for one year.

Although eminently successful in her work, Miss Fulmer found the limitations of private duty irksome to her, and at the end of the year she accepted a position as district nurse in the Visiting Nurses' Association. This opened a field of work particularly suited to her abilities, and for two years she served, with great credit to herself, as district nurse.

At the end of that time Miss Fulmer accepted the position of superintendent of nurses in the same association, and still holds that position, to the great satisfaction of all connected in any way with her work.

Although rather fragile in appearance, Miss Fulmer possesses a fund of energy which is seemingly inexhaustible. She labors early and late,



MISS HARRIET FULMER

Delegate of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Chicago

and there is no detail of the work which is too small to command her personal attention.

Her discipline is kind, though firm, and her words always receive the consideration they merit.

Since Miss Fulmer has been superintendent the staff of nurses has increased from eight to fourteen, and she has also a staff of twenty-five emergency attendants under her supervision. She is careful and methodical in her office work and untiring in her attention to every department of her work. The Visiting Nurses' Association feels that a great part of the reputation of which it is so justly proud is due to the ability, good sense, and wise judgment of Miss Fulmer.

The Visiting Nurses' Association was organized in December, 1897, as the outgrowth of an individual work in district nursing that had been carried out for three years by Mrs. Charles S. Hanks, as a memorial to her mother. Five officers and a board of twenty-seven women as directors were elected, and two nurses were engaged to carry on the work.

In November, 1890, the association was incorporated and its object—"for the benefit and assistance of those otherwise unable to secure skilled assistance in time of illness, and to establish and maintain one or more hospitals or a home for the accommodation or training of nurses"—was clearly defined.

Thus far all its energies have been devoted to the care of the sick in their homes. The association is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It has an associate membership of nearly three hundred, with a fee of five dollars per annum. A number of the nurses are supported by friends of the association as a beautiful memorial to the dead.

There are now fifteen nurses, graduates from representative training-schools of the country, on the staff of nurses, and a corps of twenty-five women, called emergency attendants, who work under the supervision of the district nurses. The association is non-sectarian and works in sympathy with the charities of the city, and is in intelligent coöperation with the City Board of Health, the Relief and Aid Society, the Bureau of Charities, the College Settlements, and the various philanthropic organizations of the city. The members of the nursing staff consist of a superintendent of nurses, an assistant nurse, and thirteen district nurses. The city is divided into districts, and each nurse reports twice a day to a certain drug-store in her district to get her telephone calls of cases. The superintendent of nurses visits every new case that is reported and has charge of the office. In these duties she is aided by the assistant nurse.

In the rules of work for the nurses special emphasis is laid upon

the instruction in the care of cases to be given to those about the patient. Careful practical lessons in cleanliness, hygiene, and feeding are given by the nurses to those whom they visit.

Every case that can be sent to a hospital is sent. The association gratefully acknowledges the unfailing readiness of the hospitals to receive their cases.

A nominal sum, usually ten cents, is charged to all those who can afford to pay, and although these cases are a very small minority of the cases cared for, still the association receives a small income from this source. It feels, however, that the increased self-respect of those who have paid for what they have received, and are not, therefore, objects of charity, is a distinct step upward in the path of higher living.

The Visiting Nurses desire not only to cleanse and cure the bodies, but the minds and souls and lives of those with whom they come in contact. They can thus become a powerful factor for good in the community. During the year 1900 over five thousand cases were cared for by the Visiting Nurses.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF ST. LUKE'S TRAINING-SCHOOL, CHICAGO

ST. LUKE'S ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION was organized November 27, 1895, to succeed the St. Luke's Blue Cross Association, founded by Miss K. Lilla Lett, a former superintendent of that hospital. Mrs. Edward Buell Hutchinson was elected president at the first annual meeting in January, 1896, serving for one year, the membership for this year consisting of twenty-nine active and two honorary members.

The second annual meeting was held January 6, 1897, when Miss Mary Forbes was elected president. During this year eighteen active members were added to the society.

On January 6, 1898, Miss Harriet Fulmer was elected president, and during her incumbency the membership was increased by twelve active and two associate members. During this year the society was incorporated and a constitution adopted.

At the annual meeting held in January, 1899, Mrs. William Cuthbertson was elected president and has filled that office to the present time. Under her presidency the membership has increased to one hundred and fifteen active and thirty-two associate members, the constitution has been revised, the method of according relief to sick members has been changed, and a plan devised to raise five thousand dollars as a permanent endowment fund for sick-relief for the association.

During the year 1900 St. Luke's Alumnæ made the greatest increase in membership of any association belonging to the National Alumnæ. Each year since its inception monthly lectures have been delivered before the association by some prominent medical man on a subject interesting and beneficial to the nurses. At present St. Luke's Association is one of the most flourishing and enthusiastic of training-school organizations.

MICHAEL REESE HOSPITAL, CHICAGO

THE delegates to the Congress from the Michael Reese Nurses' Alumnæ Association are MISS MARGARET TOOKER, MISS CLARA KOCH, and MISS BESSIE STEELE.

The society was organized in 1899, with Miss Nourse as president, who still holds that office. There is a membership of fifty-one.

MARY THOMPSON HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, CHICAGO

THIS society will send a delegate, but has not sent her name or a history of the society.

ILLINOIS TRAINING-SCHOOL NURSES' ALUMNÆ

MISS SARA M. DICK, a Canadian by birth, graduated in 1895. She was head nurse during her last year in the Training-School, and has been doing private nursing very successfully since.

MISS HELEN SCOTT HAY graduated in 1895, was also head nurse during training, and has been doing private duty and filling the position of head nurse in Iowa and California hospitals since graduation.

The Alumnæ Association of the Illinois Training-School for Nurses was organized September 31, 1891. Miss Phebe Brown, of the Class of '83, was elected president. At the present time the association has a membership of two hundred and forty-three. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except July and August), and a regular course of study is carried on. The work done for the past two years has been a modification of the course of study prepared by the National Association. Two social meetings are held each year, one an afternoon tea at "The Home," the other a banquet at one of the down-town hotels, at which the members of the graduating class are guests.

The association has endowed a room at the Presbyterian Hospital

for the use of sick members, and has also a sick-benefit fund with which to care for out-of-town members and others who cannot be taken to the hospital. Burial expenses of deceased members are paid by the association if necessary. The officers—president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer—are elected for one year.

MARYLAND

THE JOHNS HOPKINS ALUMNÆ, BALTIMORE

MISS ANNA RUTHERFORD is an American, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Class of '91, and this year president of the Alumnæ Association. Miss Rutherford since her graduation has spent two years at work on the Continent, three years in charge of wards and as night superintendent in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, six months in the Nurses' Settlement, Henry Street, New York, and one year most successfully in charge of the hourly nursing work in Baltimore. Miss Rutherford now holds the position of general secretary of the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society, Baltimore.

MISS ADA CARR is an Englishwoman, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Class of '93. Miss Carr spent the four years following her graduation in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, first as head nurse of a private ward, and the succeeding three years as assistant superintendent, since when she has been head nurse of the Visiting Nurses' Association in Baltimore City. The visiting nursing work during the past four years, under Miss Carr's fostering care, has grown to be widely known and greatly appreciated. Miss Carr is a past president of the Johns Hopkins Alumnæ Association, as well as one of its most earnest active members.

MISS LUCY ASHBY SHARP is a Virginian, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Class of '92, after which she filled the position of assistant superintendent in the Kingston General Hospital, Canada. She then returned to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she remained for four years as head nurse of various wards and of the general operating-room. Miss Sharp left the hospital to enter the army service in June, 1898, where she served with distinction as head nurse on board the hospital ship Relief. She was discharged from the service because of illness, and since her recovery has been in charge of a general hospital in Danville, Virginia.

MISS VIRGINIA RICE comes from St. Paul, Minnesota, and is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Class of '99. Since her graduation she has been head nurse at the hospital, and is now very successfully doing private nursing in Baltimore.

The Alumnæ Association of the Johns Hopkins Hospital was organized immediately upon the graduation of the second class, with Miss Helen Barnard as its first president.

The first meeting was held at the Training-School, June 3, 1892, at which there was an attendance of twenty-five graduates of the Classes of '91 and '92.

The association was at once incorporated according to the laws of the State, thereby being enabled to hold property as an association. The word "*Vigilando*" was adopted as its motto, and as a badge a Maltese cross bearing the colors of the Johns Hopkins University in blue and black enamel on a background of gold, with the letters "*J. H. H.*" in the centre, and on the back the year of graduation and the motto. The association had as its objects "the promotion of unity and good feeling among the alumnæ, the advancement of the interests of the profession of nursing, and also of providing a home for its members, and of making provision for them if ill or disabled."

Any graduate who had completed her time in the hospital and obtained her diploma was eligible to membership in the association upon payment of an initiation fee of one dollar, an additional two dollars annually, and upon signing the constitution.

During the first year much painstaking thought, time, and energy were devoted to the work of organization, so that at the first annual meeting the officers reported a charter secured, by-laws adopted, and a building fund, as well as a fund for sick nurses, established. The sum of money which formed a nucleus for the building fund was contributed by the first board and officers of the association, with a view of insuring in the future a home for aged and infirm members; at the same time an honorary member very generously contributed a nucleus for the benefit fund.

The first annual meeting was held June 3, 1893, at the hospital, through the courtesy of the trustees, who very cordially invited the association to hold its annual reunion at the hospital not only then, but in perpetuity. Since then the large annual increase in membership is due to the fact that each class joins as a whole immediately upon graduation. The alumnæ now numbers two hundred and thirty-four members.

It has been the aim of the association to let no year pass unmarked by at least one achievement or departure to attain or develop a new line

of usefulness either internal or external. Its most apparent or noteworthy efforts have been :

In 1895, the establishment of the Johns Hopkins Nurses' Club, which was made possible by the kindness and generosity of non-professional friends of the association. The Club-House is the property of the association, and is at once a club and home for all association members, a place of residence for nurses in Baltimore engaged in work not institutional, and a foundation on which it is hoped to establish the home for old, infirm, and sick nurses when needs and means permit such expansion. The registry is at the Club-House, and one of the graduate nurses is resident there as housekeeper and registrar.

In 1897, the association recognizing the need for providing some system of nursing for people of moderate means, one of the nurses volunteered to undertake the work for a year. The money necessary to maintain the work until it became self-supporting was provided through a "memorial fund" created for that purpose. This work of visiting as hourly nursing is under the control of the Board of Directors of the association and is now securely established on a self-supporting basis.

In 1898 the registry, which had hitherto been exclusively a Johns Hopkins' nurses' registry, was thrown open to all nurses in good standing in their own association, thus tending towards a "broader professional fellowship."

In 1901 a library is to be established in connection with the Club-House. It is proposed that this shall contain permanent records of all transactions of nursing societies, also of affiliated societies, foreign and home, also professional and technical literature, together with works upon allied subjects.

Since its organization the association has endeavored not only to broaden its own work, but has also taken an active interest in all professional questions that have arisen outside its own immediate scope. It united with other bodies to form the National Association of Nurses. It has also joined the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs, hoping by this means that its nurses would be brought in touch with the great body of women workers at home and abroad. The association has also endeavored to promote the interest of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* by becoming a stockholder. It has also at heart the interest of the recently established course in hospital economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, to which, during the past year, it has given some material encouragement.

The association publishes an Annual Report, and this year hopes to publish in addition a quarterly magazine such as it has seen so successfully issued by some of its fellow-associations.

MARYLAND HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, BALTIMORE

MISS R. I. ALBAUGH, president of the Alumnæ of the Maryland Homœopathic Hospital Training-School, represents the society at the Congress. She is a graduate of the Class of '96, and one of the charter members. Miss Albaugh has done but little private work, as she has been superintendent of the Barnard Sanatorium for four years.

The Alumnæ of the Maryland Homœopathic Hospital was instituted in the year 1897, with but nine charter members, for the purpose of forming a sick-benefit for nurses and to furnish an alumnæ room at their alma mater.

At the present date they have twenty-one members, and have added to their original work a Nurses' Directory, a summer course of lectures for the under-graduates by the graduates, and a winter course of educational lectures to which the laity as well as nurses are invited. The subject of a settlement is being agitated.

MASSACHUSETTS

NEW ENGLAND HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ

MISS LINDA RICHARDS, delegate from the New England Hospital Nurses' Alumnæ Association, was the first woman to graduate from a training-school in the United States, her diploma from this hospital bearing date September 1, 1872. Miss Richards has been almost continuously engaged in training-school work since that time, and at present holds the position of superintendent of nurses of the Taunton, Massachusetts, Insane Hospital. She has wielded a great influence in the training-school work of this country.

Miss Richards is a New England woman of commanding appearance and great force of character, combined with gentleness and infinite tact. (A full sketch of her professional work was given in this JOURNAL in the October, 1900, number.)

On October 15, 1898, ten graduates of the New England Hospital Training-School for Nurses met in the directors' parlor at the hospital for the purpose of organizing the Alumnæ Association. Miss C. D. Noyes, superintendent of nurses, was introduced by Miss Dillet and took the chair. Miss Dillet read a paper upon the advantages socially, professionally, and financially of an alumnæ association.

Dr. Grace Wolcott offered suggestions and did much to bring about the present condition of things.

Miss Noyes was elected to hold the chair until the association numbered twenty-one, and Miss Dillet as secretary and treasurer. A constitution was adopted.

The next meeting was held November 12, the society having a membership of twenty-three. Miss Linda Richards was elected the first president and Dr. Grace Wolcott vice-president. For many months Miss Noyes, Dr. Wolcott, and Miss Dillet carried on the entire work of the association. Feeling the necessity of a registry, the association formed a committee on the ways and means of conducting a registry, and the following year, March 13, found it with a well-organized registry under the able guidance of Miss Noyes as chairman.

On May 29, 1900, Miss Richards, Miss Dillet, Miss Moran, Miss B. Griffin, Mrs. Emma W. Smith, Miss Beulah B. Walker, Mrs. Louise B. Verette, and Miss Anna M. Cleary met before a justice of the peace for the purpose of incorporation, and by June 21 the society was incorporated under the seal of the Commonwealth. It was admitted to the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States as an associate member May, 1900.

The outgoing class of each year has been entertained by the association.

The membership consists of representatives of classes from 1873 to 1900, and two of the founders of the hospital as honorary members. To-day the society enrolls seventy-five members.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, BOSTON

MISS PAULINE L. DOLLIVER graduated from the Boston Training-School connected with the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, in 1889. She had charge of the Training-School at St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, New York, from 1892 to 1894, and was assistant superintendent of the Training-School at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, from 1897 until her appointment in 1899 to her present position as superintendent of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School.

MISS MARY L. KEITH, delegate from the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Association, is a recent president of that body.

After four years of hospital work, followed by six years of private nursing, she took charge of the Post-Graduate Training-School con-

nected with the Boston Lying-In Hospital, which position she held five years. On June 1 of the present year she assumed the duties of superintendent of the Rochester City Hospital and Training-School for Nurses, one of the most important executive positions held by a nurse in this country.

MISS JANE F. RILEY was born in Dedham, Massachusetts. She graduated from the Boston Training-School for Nurses attached to the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1888, remained in the hospital as head-nurse until 1890, and has since been engaged in private work in Boston and vicinity. She is a charter member of the Alumnæ Association, and has always been interested in all progressive movements for the benefit of nurses.

A meeting of the graduates of the Boston Training-School for Nurses attached to the Massachusetts General Hospital was called at Hotel Thorndike, Boston, on February 14, 1895, for the purpose of organizing an alumnæ association. This action was largely due to the efforts made by Miss Mary E. P. Davis and Miss Sophia F. Palmer. Miss Davis called the meeting to order, and Miss M. B. Brown, superintendent of the Boston Training-School, was elected president by acclamation. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution, and an Executive Committee appointed, consisting of the following-named: President, Miss M. B. Brown; vice-president, Miss Alice O. Tippet; secretary, Miss Florence F. Rice; treasurer, Mrs. Dita H. Kinney. Eighty-one charter members were enrolled, among them many women who were then, or have since become, prominent in the nursing world, and of whom the profession is justly proud. Miss Linda Richards and Miss Anna C. Maxwell, former superintendent of the school, are distinguished honorary members.

At first three meetings only were held each year. These were made interesting by papers read by members of the alumnæ or by someone outside the profession whom the nurses had invited. It was decided early in the history of the association that a suitable badge should be designed to be worn by all members who chose to avail themselves of this distinction. The badge is of white and gold; the design is a modification of the State seal, the Indian on a white shield forming the prominent feature. At the annual meeting of 1898 Miss Blanche Thayer was elected president, in place of Miss M. B. Brown, resigned.

Courses of study have been provided by the alumnæ during the past two years, and the innovation has met with success, as attested by the large number attending classes and lectures. A course upon "Parlia-

mentary Law" was most interesting as taught by Mrs. Shattuck. This was followed last year by a course on "Sociology," which took the form of a series of five lectures, as follows: "Associated Charities," Rev. F. W. Hamilton; "College Settlements," Miss Dudley, of Denison House, Boston; "Work Among the Sailors," Rev. W. T. Crocker; "Charity and Children in Boston To-day," Mr. Charles W. Birtwell, of the Children's Aid Society, and "The Nurses' Settlement in New York," by Miss May Brown. These lectures were held in the old amphitheatre in the dome of the Massachusetts General Hospital. The historic associations of the place lent interest to the lectures, and to be seated in the old amphitheatre seats once occupied by the spectators on the memorable occasion when ether was administered for the first time was an experience enjoyed by the *alumnæ* and the lecturers as well. The members of other *alumnæ* of Boston and vicinity were invited.

The constitution was revised this year. The name of the association was changed, and it is now called the "Alumnæ Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses."

It was decided to hold seven meetings, besides the annual meeting, each year. This was thought wise because of the increased interest in the *alumnæ* during the last year. The meetings are well attended, and the educational work lately undertaken has given a real fillip to the enthusiasm of the *alumnæ* for its association. The president elected at the last annual meeting was Miss Mary L. Keith, now resigned to take up the work at the Rochester, New York, City Hospital. The *alumnæ* now numbers nearly two hundred members.

THE BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ

At the last annual meeting the election of delegates to the Congress of Nurses formed an important feature of the business proceedings of this society.

MISS LUCY L. DROWN, Class of '84, the first president of the association and long connected with the Boston City Hospital as matron and superintendent of nurses, was elected chairman of the delegation. The others, in order of election, are as follows:

MISS FLORA E. WELSH, Class of '86, who was connected for many years with the Instructive District Nursing Association of Boston.

MISS EMILY O. BOSWALL, Class of '88, whose experience has been varied by both hospital and private nursing.

DR. LAURA A. C. HUGHES, of the Class of '82, a woman prominent in the order of Spanish-American War Nurses.

At the close of a meeting of the Boston City Hospital Nurses' Club, on February 4, 1896, the graduates were invited to consider the advisability of forming an *alumnæ* association. About fifty graduates remained to discuss the purpose of the association. Two committees were appointed. On Nominations—Mrs. Mary Griswold, Class of '81; Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes, Class of '82; Miss Delia Knight, Class of '91. On the Constitution—Miss Emily O. Boswall, Class of '88; Miss Lucetta J. Gross, Class of '91; Miss Emma T. Elliott, Class of '92.

The association was formally organized April 28, 1896, with one hundred and one members, which number has increased until the roll now contains two hundred names. Miss Lucy L. Drown, Class of '84, was chosen president. The first annual meeting was held June 2, 1896.

The object of the association is not especially educational, but rather to promote fellowship among its members, to advance the interests of the nurse's calling, and for mutual help and comfort in times of illness, discouragement, or misfortune. The association is accumulating money to endow a bed in the Boston City Hospital which shall be free for its graduates when ill.

The educational branch of the work for graduates and pupils of this hospital is under the management of the Boston City Hospital Nurses' Club; which was organized years before the feasibility of *alumnæ* associations was considered.

The business of the *Alumnæ* Association is done largely by the Executive Committee, which consists of the officers of the association and twelve members. An important work is done by the Visiting Committee. Each of the twelve members acts as a visitor for two months in the year. The visitor calls on any member who is ill or in trouble, bringing sympathy and cheer or more substantial aid if necessary.

The annual meeting, which is held the first Tuesday in June, is the one business and social occasion of the year. It opens with the roll-call, following which are reports from officers and committees, election of officers for the ensuing year, and any other business that demands the attention of the association, and closes with letters from absent members.

MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

MISS ADELIA BELLE CHENEY, the delegate of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital Training-School *Alumnæ*, is from New Hampshire, and was graduated in December, 1896. She has spent her time

since graduation partly in doing district nursing in connection with the hospital obstetric service and in private duty, largely in her own town. She is an enthusiast over her work and has been very successful.

The Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital Training-School for Nurses was inaugurated May 30, 1895. The organization started with twenty-four members, and now numbers seventy-nine. Meetings are held monthly, with the exception of the months of July and August. There is a course of lectures, and a sick-fund has been established. An annual dinner is given each year at the Hotel Vendome, Boston.

PITTSFIELD GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

MRS. A. W. WOODWORTH, Class of '96, of Flatbush, New York, is the delegate from the Henry W. Bishop, 3d, Training-School, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Mrs. Woodworth is also a graduate from the Brooklyn Maternity Hospital Training-School for Nurses, and did private nursing for two years before her marriage. Mrs. Woodworth is actively interested in the welfare of the Nurses' Association.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts in December, 1894, with seven charter members. Its object is to establish a fund for the care and support of members of the corporation when sick or unemployed in case of need, and the general promotion of the interests and welfare of nurses who are graduates of the Henry W. Bishop, 3d, Memorial Training-School for Nurses. A business meeting is held on the first Wednesday in June of each year. Other meetings are called during the year for the transaction of business and for social intercourse.

The first president was Miss Mary Seymour (now Mrs. Legg), who held that office until 1900. In 1898 the members of the association decided to raise a fund for the building of a Graduate Nurses' Home, which by the efforts of the members and gifts from friends has now reached five thousand dollars. A desirable building-lot has been given to the association by Mr. and Mrs. Solomon N. Russell, of Pittsfield, and it is now expected that the building will be commenced soon. The present membership is forty-eight.

GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

MISS ALICE O. TIPPET, representing the Guild of St. Barnabas at the Congress, is a graduate of the Training-School of the Massachusetts

General Hospital, Boston. Miss Tippet is by birth a Canadian. She has for many years been the superintendent of the Good Samaritan Hospital for Incurables, Boston, and the editor of the *News-Letter*, the official organ of the society.

At various epochs there have been sisterhoods and kindred organizations of women to care for the sick, train the young, and relieve poverty. Nearly all of these have been tinged with asceticism. Their membership is recruited by those who renounce social intercourse with their kind, and devote themselves wholly to the religious life.

The Guild of St. Barnabas enjoys a milder rule. Its objects are twofold,—religious and social.

Its founder, with singular prescience, drew upon *three* sources of power.

The active members—the nurses—are women selected by a course of intelligent training, who practise the art of healing as a profession. They are adepts, the survivors of a stern novitiate. The associate members are women engaged in all the social activities of the time. They touch the world at many points of contact. These two elements are linked together not only by the unwritten law which enjoins, as by the rule of Masonry, that one member of the guild shall not fail to help another in distress, but also by the social gatherings, which form a prominent feature in the activities of the guild. The medical associates are physicians in active practice. They learn to know their valued coadjutors at the sick-bed, and in turn afford to these the aid of their higher knowledge.

With these features alone the guild would be merely a social club with benevolent aims. But the "Rule of Life" (the simple obligation taken by each member) and sympathetic religious exercises pervade and interpenetrate with a lively faith all the workings of the guild. The priests' associate, and especially the chaplains, are the compass and pilots of the organization.

It was founded in the early eighties by a Boston clergyman. It now has twenty-five branches and a membership of over seventeen hundred. The branches are in the following cities:

Boston, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New York; New York, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri; Utica, New York; Hartford, Connecticut; Orange, New Jersey; San Francisco, California; Washington, District of Columbia; New Haven, Connecticut; Duluth, Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Elmira, New York; Fall River, Massachusetts; Newark, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois (Grace Church); Chicago, Illinois (Trinity

Branch); Providence, Rhode Island; Sandusky, Ohio; Norfolk, Virginia; Syracuse, New York; Newport, Rhode Island; Asheville, North Carolina; so that the nurse who wears the badge will find friends in many places.

The *News-Letter*, a monthly publication, is the organ of the guild, and is supported by the branches in proportion to their membership. The annual dues (one dollar) cover the running expenses, including subscription to the *News-Letter*.

The present officers are as follows: Chaplain general, Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D.D., Bishop of Pittsburg; general secretary, Mrs. Camillus G. Kidder, 76 Highland Avenue, Orange, New Jersey; general treasurer, Miss Frances A. Jack, 6 McLean Street, Boston, Massachusetts; editor *News-Letter*, Miss Alice O. Tippet.

Each branch has its independent organization, but matters of common concern are regulated by the General Council, which meets annually in the fall. The next meeting will be held at Chicago in November, 1901.

MICHIGAN

GRACE HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, DETROIT

MISS MATTIE McFADDEN is the delegate from the Nurses' Alumnae Association of Grace Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, and is the president of the society.

Meetings are held monthly in the parlors of the Nurses' Home. The association subscribes liberally to the District Nursing Society of Detroit. It gives financial aid to members when needed, and arrangements are completed for the establishment of a sick-benefit fund at the beginning of the next fiscal year. The association has now seventy members.

MINNESOTA

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, ST. PAUL

MISS MARY WOOD, delegate from St. Luke's Hospital Training-School for Nurses, St. Paul, Minnesota, is a Canadian by birth, her home being in Ottawa. She graduated in January, 1895, and has since been engaged in private nursing in St. Paul. Miss Wood has been the able secretary of the Alumnae Association since its organization.

In September, 1896, eight graduates of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School for Nurses met and formed an *alumnæ* association and drew up a copy of by-laws and a constitution. The association was incorporated. The first president was Emma Inman (Class of '95), who, after one year of active work, fell a victim to consumption, and died in May, 1897. The *alumnæ* placed a marker over her grave with the class motto, "*Fidelus ad Mortem*," engraved on the stone. The society has grown in numbers, having now seventy-five names on the roll.

A Club-House for St. Luke's graduates has been started which accommodates twenty nurses. The meetings are held there. This year the *alumnæ* gave a reception to the members of the graduating class of 1901. Preceding the reception the graduates, with about fifteen others, went to Fort Snelling, Lake Como, in a tally-ho.

There were seven graduates in this year's class. The parlors of the Club-House were decorated in the *alumnæ* colors, red and gold. The entertainment included music, dancing, and refreshments.

The society was admitted to the Associated *Alumnæ* this year. A sick-fund has been started, one-fourth of the yearly dues being set aside for that purpose.

NEW JERSEY

PATERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

MISS M. J. STANSFIELD, of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, delegate from the *Alumnæ* Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Paterson General Hospital to the Congress, is a graduate of the Class of '89. Miss Stansfield afterwards took a post-graduate course at the Woman's Hospital, New York City, and after doing private nursing for several years she accepted the position of pharmacist at the Paterson General Hospital, which position she held for four years, giving it up to care for an invalid mother. Miss Stansfield is a charter member of the *Alumnæ* Association and has always been an earnest and interested worker.

The *Alumnæ* Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Paterson General Hospital was organized June 14, 1895, Miss Margaret Orr, superintendent of the school, calling the first meeting.

A benefit fund for sick members was established the first year. During the second year the association was incorporated under the State laws and a crest and motto adopted. In 1898 it was admitted to membership in the Associated *Alumnæ*. In 1899 the registry for nurses came under control of the *Alumnæ* Association.

The membership has increased each year, nearly all graduates of the school becoming members.

ORANGE TRAINING-SCHOOL ALUMNÆ

MISS BERTHA GARDNER, for the second year elected president of the society, is the delegate chosen to represent the Orange Training-School Alumnæ at the Congress. Miss Gardner graduated from one of the earliest classes, 1877, and after some private work in the neighborhood of Orange she left with two other graduates for the West, and settled for a time in California. Being recalled to her home, she took the position of night nurse in the Memorial Hospital, a position she filled most efficiently. Resigning that after some time, she returned to her own home in Newark, and has continued her private work from there. She has always been a most earnest worker in the association and a regular attendant at meetings. She was elected second vice-president in the first list of officers.

It was chiefly through the untiring efforts of a few graduates of the Class of '92 that the Alumnæ Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was organized, aided by the experience of Miss A. A. Hintze, then superintendent of the Training-School, who was elected president at the first general meeting, held in the Training-School parlors, December 5, 1895. Forty-two members were then enrolled, a constitution, by-laws, and code of ethics being formulated in the course of the year. It became one of the early objects of the society to join the National Alumnæ Association, and for that purpose a petition was drawn up and presented to the Board of Governors to extend the course of training from two to three years. To the regret of all, the request was refused on financial grounds. It was therefore a matter of universal congratulation when, a few years later, this matter was found possible, and it became an accomplished fact in January, 1900.

Its numbers have steadily increased, and it now has seventy-six members. It has been the purpose of the older members to enlist the interest of the younger classes and to put before them the advantages of concerted action and united efforts, each new class supplying a few new members. It has been endeavoring for some years to coöperate with the joint committees on the isolation hospital plan so urgently needed in the Oranges, but so far municipal authority has withstood every kind of effort, and the Orange nurses still stand defenceless in the midst of contagion. Strenuous efforts are at this moment being made to induce the Board of Governors of the Memorial Hospital to allow some such

building to be erected on their grounds for nurses only, and the results of the efforts are being anxiously watched for by the members of the Nurses' Association.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

MISS ISABEL MACDONALD, delegate from St. Joseph's Hospital Training-School Alumnæ, of Paterson, New Jersey, Class of '98, is engaged in private work in that city.

The society was formed in 1897.

NEW YORK

**BELLEVUE HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION,
NEW YORK CITY**

THE Alumnæ Association of the New York Training-School for Nurses attached to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, sends three delegates to the Congress.

MISS LAVINIA L. DOCK, honorary secretary of the International Congress of Nurses and secretary of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses, is a graduate of the Class of '86.

Miss Dock has done district nursing work, emergency work during a yellow-fever epidemic in Jacksonville, Florida, and at the scene of the Johnstown flood, hospital work as assistant superintendent of nurses at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; superintendent of nurses at the Illinois Training-School, Chicago, and is now a resident of the Nurses' Settlement in New York City. She is perhaps best known to the nursing public as the author of "Materia Medica for Nurses" and "Short Papers on Nursing Subjects," and as the able editor of the "Foreign Department" of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. She has been one of the most active promoters of the Congress, and has done an inestimable amount of hard work to make it a success. Miss Dock's home is in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

MISS ANNIE SOHENOK is a graduate of the Class of '92, remaining as head nurse in "Ward 20" for six months after graduation, and holding a similar position for a brief term at a sanatorium in Rome, Georgia. Her work has been chiefly that of a private nurse in New York City. She is an earnest and active worker along all lines tending to the advance-

ment of the nursing profession. She was a delegate to the Associated Alumnae in 1898, and is now for the second year president of the Alumnae Association.

For six weeks in the spring of 1898 she was assistant manager of the Nurses' Exhibit held in New York City, doing most efficient work.

MISS ANNIE DAMER, a graduate of the Class of '85, is one of the Board of Women Managers of the Pan-American Exposition, and is a member of the Committee on Applied Arts. She is president of the Trained Nurses' Association of Buffalo. Miss Damer was born in Canada. She was educated at a private school in Toronto, and after graduating as a nurse she took the course in the women's law class in the University of the City of New York, and spent some time in the Nurses' Settlement and in the School of Practical Philanthropy. Miss Damer is now engaged in active work in the Charity Organization Society of Buffalo. Until this year she has been chairman of the Educational Committee of the Associated Alumnae. She was chairman of the Committee on State Organization and chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the Congress of Nurses, and it is largely owing to her efforts that the housing of so many delegates and the arrangements for the meetings are due. It will thus be seen that Miss Damer is a woman of experience and ability, devoting her time to furthering the interests of her profession.

The New York Training-School attached to Bellevue Hospital was started in 1873, its first class of six graduating two years later. At the annual reception of the school, January 7, 1889, a number of the graduates met to talk over the advisability of forming an alumnae association, the object being to promote good-fellowship between its members, the establishment of an annuity fund, and the providing of friendly and pecuniary assistance to its members in sickness. The interest in the matter was so great that a meeting was soon called for the purpose of forming an organization and drawing up a constitution. The result of this meeting was that on April 2, 1889, Bellevue Alumnae Association was organized with twenty-three members. The officers chosen were: Miss Agnes S. Brennan, president; Miss M. R. Boggs and Miss Alice Warren, vice-presidents, and Miss Sarah A. Post, secretary. At this meeting the constitution was adopted, each article being thoroughly discussed. Mr. John E. Parsons was appointed treasurer, and the trustees chosen were Bishop Potter, Mr. John E. Parsons, Dr. William Polk, Dr. C. C. Barrows, Dr. Jasper Garmany, Dr. F. S. Dennis, and Mrs. William H. Osborn.

At the end of the first year (1889) there were forty-eight members,

and each year the membership has increased until it now numbers one hundred and fifty. Miss Brennan was the president for eight years, and was followed by Miss Jean Hopkins, 1897, Miss Annie Rhodes, 1898-99, and Miss Annie Schenck, 1900-1901. The constitution has been twice amended, the first change being made in order to do away with insurance, and the second to abolish assessments in case of illness of members. The association was legally incorporated December 14, 1898, thus enabling it to own property in its own name. A large number of members are holding important positions all over the world; some are in Cuba, Porto Rico, Manila, South Africa, and Europe. There is a Sick-Visiting Committee, and all members when ill are called upon to cheer and encourage them, and render any assistance necessary in restoring them to health. A sick fund has been formed by the donation of five thousand dollars by Mrs. Morris K. Jesup in memory of her sister, Mrs. Theodore Cuyler, and called the "Mary De Witt Cuyler Fund;" into this fund each member pays annually four dollars. Miss Josephine Lazarus built and donated to the managers of the Bellevue Training-School a very comfortable and convenient little pavilion of five rooms, called "Lazarus Pavilion," for the use of their graduates when ill. In 1899 an annuity fund was started; it now amounts to a little more than fourteen hundred dollars. A beautiful bronze medal was presented to this association for the excellency of its exhibit at the Nurses' Exhibit in New York City in May, 1898. During the past two winters this society has united with several New York City Alumnae Associations for mutual improvement by lectures, clinics, entertainments, visiting various institutions, etc. Each winter it also has a course of lectures at its own alumnae meetings. The association was a charter member of the National Alumnae, and also, through its delegate, of the New York State Nurses' Society.

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, NEW YORK CITY

MISS M. M. BROWN, delegate from the Presbyterian Hospital Training-School Alumnae, New York, is a graduate of the Class of '97, and since then has been engaged in settlement work.

The Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital Training-School was organized in May, 1895, with Miss F. A. Stone as president. The motto chosen was "*Labore et Scientia*," the object of the association being to create and promote a common fellowship among graduate nurses; to advance in every way the interests of all graduate nurses; to provide a benefit or loan fund for its members when ill or otherwise in need, and to secure a permanent club-house for its members.

The association now has a membership of one hundred. The club-house has for five years been in a flourishing condition, and last year a second club-house was opened on the east side of the city.

Social meetings are held monthly from October to June, with general meetings every three months.

The past three winters the association has given a course of demonstrations in practical care of the sick, which have been well attended and very successful; the proceeds have been given to the benefit fund and the Nurses' Settlement.

NEW YORK HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ

MISS ISABELLA J. WALTON, Class of '95, was born in Toronto, Canada, where she is now living.

During the summers from 1895 to 1898 Miss Walton was chief nurse of the Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild, New York City. In September, 1898, when the Floating Hospital closed, she went to Fort Hamilton, Long Island, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, Auxiliary No. 3. In October Miss Walton succeeded the late deeply esteemed Miss Ellen Wood as chief nurse at this post, and remained there as chief nurse until July, 1899, when she annulled her contract (being under contract with the United States Government from December 1, 1898). In October, 1899, she again entered into contract with the United States Government and went to Fort Columbus, Governor's Island, as chief nurse, where she remained until May, 1900, when she was transferred to Washington, D. C., to the School of Instruction for Hospital Corps Men, at Washington Barracks. Here she instructed large classes of "corps men" in dietetics and practical nursing. In December, 1900, Miss Walton was again obliged to annul her contract, owing to home bereavements. She returned to Toronto, where she now carries on successfully private classes in practical nursing and invalid cooking. Miss Walton is one of the vice-presidents of the Spanish-American War Nurses.

In September, 1893, forty-seven of the graduates of the New York Hospital Training-School for Nurses met to discuss the advisability of forming an Alumnæ Association. The association has grown rapidly, and now numbers two hundred and sixty-nine members. In 1894 a fund was established for the relief of sick nurses.

Recognizing the need of a social and professional centre for the graduates of the school, the association in 1898 decided to open a club-house. The membership grew so rapidly and so substantially that one of the adjoining houses was rented the following year, and it also was soon filled with nurses. The club has been a success professionally, socially,

and financially, but the houses are not well fitted for the purposes of the club, and it is hoped that in the near future a suitable building will be erected. There are now one hundred and twenty-five club members.

Early in the present year the association was incorporated and the constitution and by-laws revised. The members of the association are anxious to advance, not only along professional lines, but in every way that will bring them into closer touch with other women and their work. They have under consideration the establishment of a fellowship in the Nurses' Settlement; by that means, a nurse representing the school may work in the poorer homes of the city, bringing not only physical comfort to the sick there, but also offering the friendship that is often of much greater value. During the past winter the association furnished three singing lessons weekly for the Uptown Branch of the Nurses' Settlement. These lessons gave the boys and girls beautiful songs to replace those of the neighborhood, many of which are demoralizing.

In many other ways the association is awakening to the fact that it is a privilege to observe the spirit of the hospital motto, "Go and do thou likewise," and while seeking personal improvement, will try not to ignore the claims of those whom we should call "neighbors."

NEW YORK CITY TRAINING-SCHOOL ALUMNÆ

MISS BURR, delegate from the New York City Training-School Alumnæ, is a graduate of the Wesleyan University, having the degree of Ph.B. She has been president of the association for four years, and is now president of the Board of Trustees. She has been a very successful private nurse for fourteen years.

The New York City Training-School Alumnæ Association was organized in 1894, and incorporated the same year. The first president was Mrs. Florence Fenton, Class of '87. The association has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity, and has a membership of one hundred and seventy-five, the annual dues being only one dollar.

There is a sick-benefit fund of over one thousand dollars, made up from the dues of life and honorary members and donations, to be used for needy members at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

ST. LUKE'S ALUMNÆ, NEW YORK CITY

WITH unity as the incentive, sixteen graduates of St. Luke's Hospital, with the coöperation of Mrs. L. W. Quintard, then directress of the

school, met in Vanderbilt Pavilion of the Nurses' Home on May 27, 1897, to form an association "to promote the interests of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School; to raise the standard of nursing generally; to cultivate social intercourse among the *alumnæ* of said school; to assist the members of such corporation in obtaining professional employment; to aid them in promoting and protecting their rights and interests, and to provide a fund for the benefit of sick, infirm, and disabled nurses graduates of said school."

This meeting, as well as the one in the following June, was devoted to organization. Officers were elected, Miss M. K. Pierce being the first president, and the constitution was drawn up and accepted.

November 9, 1898, saw the association incorporated under the name of the *Alumnæ Association of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School for Nurses*. It was admitted to the *Associated Alumnæ* in April, 1900.

Regular meetings are held every three months, which are well attended, and every year witnesses a livelier interest displayed in its affairs and an increase of membership. It has reaped much of the fruit of its foundation, and expects eventually to realize that indifference—at least among its members—is extinct.

The delegate is MISS ISABEL EVANS.

THE NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE ALUMNÆ

MISS SARAH J. GRAHAM, the delegate representing this association, of the first class graduated (in 1888), was the first superintendent of the Babies' Hospital of New York, and has been superintendent of nurses at the Mercer Hospital at Trenton, New Jersey.

This association was organized on Saturday, May 7, 1897, and on Tuesday, June 1, the constitution was read and adopted by eighty members.

The *alumnæ* opened the Club-House and registry at 143 East Thirty-fifth Street on Tuesday, November 1, 1898. In May, 1899, it became affiliated with the *Associated Alumnæ of the United States*, and has now a membership of one hundred and fifteen. The fact of the school having arranged a three-years' course and not graduating a class during two years has, of course, retarded the growth of the *alumnæ*, but there is every indication of a large and enthusiastic organization.

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, NEW YORK

(No delegate reported.)

The Nurses' *Alumnæ Association of Mount Sinai Hospital* was

organized in 1893 with Miss Jane Ryerson as the first president. It is now an incorporated society with ninety-five members. The annual dues are five dollars. Meetings are held monthly from September to June, and a sick-fund is maintained.

THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, NEW YORK

THIS association was organized November 5, 1899, with twenty-three charter members. It now has forty-five active members on the roll. Meetings were held monthly at first, but, as that was not encouraged by a fair attendance, the change was made to five meetings yearly,—three business and two social. The first president was Miss Anna Thompson, who was reelected for a second term. It is the ambition of the society to be active in all movements pertaining to nursing progress, hence the effort to have every graduate on the roll. The society is considering the maintenance of an independent club-house, and a fund for sick nurses. The society will be represented at the Congress by Miss ELIZABETH BURNS.

LONG ISLAND COLLEGE HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, BROOKLYN

MISS ANNA DAVIDS, representing the Long Island College Hospital Training-School Alumnæ, is a native of New York State and a graduate of the Class of '90. In succession she has had charge of the Training-Schools of Augusta City Hospital, Georgia; Waldeck Sanatorium, San Francisco, California; the Mary Fletcher Hospital of Burlington, Vermont, and of the Children's Homœopathic Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Miss Davids is at the present time not engaged in active work. She is a charter member of the New York State Nurses' Association, and one of the Committee on By-Laws of that society.

The Long Island College Hospital Alumnæ Association was organized April 17, 1895, thirty-six graduates being present. The object of the meeting was presented by Miss Ida L. Sutcliffe, superintendent of the Training-School, after which a number of the nurses expressed the opinion that the establishment of such an organization would be greatly to their advantage and mutual benefit. The officers were then nominated and elected for the year, Miss Dobson being declared president.

After the meeting thirty-one nurses gave in their names for enrolment. The Executive Committee drew up a form of constitution and by-laws to be adopted by the association and to be voted upon at the next meeting. After having made a few changes in the articles they

were read, put to vote, and accepted. The monthly meetings proved to be very interesting, both from a social and nursing stand-point, many subjects of much importance being discussed.

At several of the meetings the necessity of having established a sick-fund was freely talked over, and on April 18, 1896, Miss E. G. Brown made the motion that a sick-fund be organized. The motion was carried, and a committee of five was appointed to take the necessary steps towards establishing such a fund, with Miss Brown as secretary-treasurer, and it has been largely owing to Miss Brown's excellent management that money has been raised for this purpose by means of a series of entertainments. The initiation fee to the society is one dollar, and the annual dues four dollars.

The "annual outing" is very much enjoyed. Each year a trip is taken to the seaside or to Prospect Park, where a luncheon is served. This "outing" is always a delightfully social occasion, the members making a special effort to attend.

The association is in a very prosperous condition, the relations of the members with the hospital are of a specially cordial nature, and the hospital doors are always open to those needing its care.

THE METROPOLITAN NURSES' CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY

THE Metropolitan Nurses' Club of New York City, one of the most successful and prosperous nurses' clubs and a member of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, has promised delegates, but their names have not yet reached us.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL TRAINING-SCHOOL, BROOKLYN

MISS E. H. HALL, delegate to the Congress, is supervisor of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and president of the Alumnæ Association.

The Alumnæ Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training-School for Nurses was organized October 2, 1896, its object being the mutual benefit of the members, social and professional development, the establishment of a fund for sick nurses, and a systematic method of registration.

Miss Carlie G. Patterson, formerly supervisor of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training-School, now supervisor of the California General Hospital, was the first president. Eleven names were enrolled as charter members, but the membership has since increased to sixty.

A course of parliamentary law lectures was given last spring for the benefit of the graduate nurses.

BROOKLYN HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

MISS EMMA L. PARK, delegate from the Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital Training-School Alumnæ Association, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and educated in the public schools of that city. She graduated from the Training-School in 1893. Miss Park is an ex-army nurse, having served in Jacksonville in 1898, and is at the present time engaged in private nursing in Brooklyn and New York.

ROCHESTER CITY HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

MISS ELIZABETH V. CONNOR, Class of '96, president of the Rochester City Hospital Nurses' Alumnæ Association, is the delegate to the Congress. Since her graduation Miss Connor has been engaged in private nursing.

At a meeting of the graduate nurses of the Rochester City Hospital, held in July, 1896, it was decided to disband as a trained nurses' association and reorganize as an alumnæ association, and a committee was appointed to draft constitution and by-laws.

In October of the same year was held the first regular meeting of the Rochester City Hospital Alumnæ Association. About fifty nurses were present, most of whom became charter members.

Meetings are held quarterly, which are usually for the transaction of business, followed by social tea. This association maintains and conducts its own Nurses' Directory, a registrar being appointed yearly. In 1898 it was admitted to membership in the Associated Alumnæ of the United States, and in 1899 to charter membership in the Local Council of Women. In 1900 it united with the Homœopathic Alumnæ Association to form the Monroe County Graduate Nurses' Association. Through its delegate it is a charter member of the New York State Nurses' Association. It now numbers one hundred and seventy members.

ROCHESTER HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

MISS JULIA BAILEY, delegate from the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital Training-School Alumnæ, is a graduate of the Class of '92.

Miss Bailey has been the office nurse of a prominent homœopathic physician of Rochester for nearly eight years.

The Alumnae Association was organized in 1899. Meetings are held quarterly. Membership, forty-nine.

**HOSPITAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NURSES' ALUMNÆ,
SYRACUSE**

MISS LINA LIGHTBOURNE, superintendent of the hospital, and graduate from the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School, Class of '86, is the delegate to the Congress.

The alternate, MISS LOIS A. GANNETT, of Smithville, New York, graduate from the Good Shepherd Hospital Training-School of the Class of '89, was the superintendent of St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1891 to 1893.

The following extracts from the address of the president at the annual meeting give an outline of the aims and work of the society:

"Our association was organized June 20, 1900, with a charter membership of sixteen and an attendance of eight. Our hope was that some arrangement might be made for the care of sick members. . . . Through the generosity of the Board of Trustees we are assured of gratuitous care for members during illness. We have made one payment of fifty dollars for the furnishing of our room at the hospital. Through the gifts of various members and friends we have many things necessary for our own use. Of these I will not speak in detail, but, in passing, will mention the hearty good-will of the givers, the evident desire of each member and each friend to aid our common cause. Leaving these material benefits, there is another help which comes to us through our Alumnae Association. We know each other better; we know our hospital better than we did one year ago. We cannot come back here each month, to the place that was home to us all for at least two years, without feeling a keen interest in the progress of the Training-School and hospital, and being touched by the hearty welcome that is given us by our superintendent and the pupils of the school."

DUTCHESS COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' CLUB

MISS ELIZABETH BURROUGHS, graduate of the Vassar Brothers' Hospital, Poughkeepsie, Class of '92, is the delegate from the Dutchess County Graduate Nurses' Club. Miss Burroughs has had some post-

graduate experience, but is now engaged in private work. She has been president of the club since it was started in October, 1900. A course of lectures was given by prominent physicians last winter, and the meetings were largely social in character.

The county form of organization was chosen with direct reference to representation in the State society.

MONROE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION

MISS EVA ALLERTON, delegate from the Monroe County Nurses' Association, is by birth an American. She is a graduate of the Training-School of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, in the Class of '85, and is a charter member of the Alumnae Association of that school.

Miss Allerton's work has been largely executive. She was for a time superintendent of nurses at the Allegheny General Hospital School for Nurses of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for the past twelve years has been the very able superintendent of the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital, an institution of high rank, which owes its success to Miss Allerton's executive ability and wise guidance.

The Monroe County Graduate Nurses' Association was organized in March, 1900, in response to an invitation from the Alumnae Association of the Rochester City Hospital to the Alumnae Association of the Homœopathic Hospital to unite in forming a local society of nurses, which should include in its membership graduates from schools of certain recognized standards who might be resident and working in Monroe County.

The motive for this association was to bring all of the nurses of this county into closer professional and social relationship, and to have a local society organized which should be in proper form to take active steps when State organization should be agitated.

The meetings during the first year have been given up in some degree to the completion of the organization of the society, but there have been some interesting addresses and professional papers, and a good deal of the social element, which has had a tendency to bring the nurses of different schools into closer sympathy.

The first meeting to form a New York State Society was held in Albany, April 15 and 16. The Monroe County Society was represented by a delegate, its president, vice-president, and secretary all being present. The delegate, Miss Sanford, was elected secretary of the State Society.

THE BUFFALO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

MRS. H. STORCK, the delegate from the Buffalo Nurses' Association to the Congress, is a graduate of the Buffalo General Hospital, superintendent of the Woman's Hospital, and is one of the Board of Trustees of the society. Mrs. Storck has always been a zealous worker for nurses, and the association is well represented in her.

During the month of January, 1895, Miss S. V. Nye, then superintendent of Lexington Heights Hospital, Buffalo, and Miss Marsden, one of her graduates, made a tour among the different superintendents of hospitals and training-schools to see if there was a possibility of starting a nurses' association.

They met with good encouragement, and the first meeting was called for February 1, 1895, at which time a unanimous vote was cast for organization. Miss S. V. Nye was elected president; Miss K. I. Kennedy, vice-president; Miss O. Moore, treasurer; Miss J. Snelsinger, secretary, and a committee of five was elected to draw up a suitable constitution. There were present at this meeting eleven charter members. During the first year the association met at different hospitals, since which time meetings have been held at the chapter house. Mrs. C. D. Zimmerman, a graduate of the Buffalo General, showed the association many courtesies, and several meetings were held at her house. These meetings are remembered with pleasure by the members. The constitution was published and distributed in May, 1897.

In November, 1898, this association found it needed a course in parliamentary law, and Miss Charlotte Mulligan was interviewed with the object of meeting the need. Then followed a course of lectures and practical demonstrations. The society was incorporated under the laws of New York State as "The Nurses' Association of Buffalo" in June, 1899. Through the kindness of Miss Mulligan, the society meets under no expense at the "Guard of Honor" Rooms. The death of Miss Mulligan was a great loss to the society, as under her wise guidance the association had become solidly organized and well established financially.

Some of the many things the association has done for the profession, besides always aiming to maintain a high standard, have been to put circulating libraries into the different training-schools; getting a two-thirds rate for sick nurses at the Buffalo hospitals (although all the hospitals have not lived up to their agreement); cessation of attendants' class at the Woman's Union; nursing journals put on the public library shelves; a sick-benefit fund instituted.

The society is affiliated with the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The first president and organizer of the society, Miss S. V. Nye, was elected president of the New York State Nurses' Association at the meeting in Albany last spring. Miss Annie Damer, president at this time, is a member of the Woman's Board of Managers of the Pan-American Exposition and chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Nurses' Congress.

BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ

MRS. THOMAS MORLEY graduated in the Class of '85, Buffalo General Hospital, and engaged in private nursing for some time, but preferred institutional work. She was nurse at the Fitch Accident Hospital during its early days, and later served one and a half years as night superintendent at the Buffalo General Hospital. Marriage in 1892 closed her career as an active nurse, but she is still interested in all pertaining to the nursing world.

MRS. C. D. ZIMMERMAN graduated in the Class of '82, and did private nursing very successfully for a number of years. She is now married and devotes her time to her family, but retains an active interest in nursing affairs. She was instrumental in organizing the Buffalo Nurses' Association.

The Buffalo General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae was organized in June, 1900. Thirty-three graduates signed the membership-roll. The object of the association is the "legitimate advancement, professionally and socially, of its members." Meetings are held every three months, and the annual meeting in June. January 31, 1901, the first annual banquet was given at the Genesee Hotel, twenty-seven members being present. At the dinner a history of the Training-School, prepared by Mrs. Diehle, was read. At the annual meeting in June, 1901, the constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Miss Margaret Simpson; a first and a second vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and a historian. There is now a membership of eighty ready to give the Congress a hearty welcome to Buffalo and the Pan-American.

ERIE COUNTY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION, BUFFALO

MISS H. MCKENNON is the delegate from the Erie County Hospital Nurses' Alumnae. Miss McKennon is an ex-army nurse, having served six months at Fort Meyer, and is now engaged in private nursing.

The Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, organized a training-school in January, 1894, giving a course of two-years' training, since made three years. It has a medical superintendent (Dr. E. J. Gilray), superintendent of nurses (Miss E. J. Keating), a staff of eight resident physicians, a capacity of four hundred patients, thirty-eight pupil nurses, and one graduate nurse in charge of the nursery. The training is general, viz., medical, surgical, obstetrical, with special work in gynecological, nervous, contagious, dermatological, eye, ear, nose, and throat.

The hospital is a beautiful building of gray stone situated in the midst of a farm of one hundred acres at the extreme end of North Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

The first meeting of the graduates took place at No. 464 Vermont Street, June 2, 1898, then the head-quarters of the nurses, a pretty little cottage called "Band-box Castle." It was an impromptu gathering. The notices were sent by telephone by Miss H. M. McKennon. There were twelve graduates present. Miss Keating was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting and Miss L. R. Galbraith secretary *pro tem*. There was considerable discussion on the benefits of organization, after which a committee was appointed to send notices to all members of the school of a meeting on the twelfth of June, at which meeting it was decided to form an *alumnæ*, to be called "The Erie County Hospital *Alumnæ* Association," with a fee of one dollar per annum, its object to be the promotion of loyalty among its members and the advancement of the interests of the Training-School of Erie County Hospital, with quarterly meetings. The charter members, those present at the first two meetings, and Miss Keating, the first president. The meetings have been well attended, and although a young school, it was the first society in Buffalo to join the National Associated *Alumnæ*, which it did in March, 1900.

The study course has been put aside until next year, but at each meeting there have been discussions and usually some form of entertainment. The members feel the *alumnæ* of invaluable aid, and each year hope to make it more helpful.

OHIO

THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND

MISS MARY E. JOHNSTON, delegate to the Congress, was born in Malaga County, Ohio. In 1889 she entered the Methodist Episcopal deaconess work in Cleveland. In 1896 she graduated from the Training-

School for Nurses connected with the Cleveland General Hospital. Since then she has spent her whole time doing district nursing among the very poor of this city in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Home.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland was organized May 28, 1900, and Miss McMillan, principal of the Lakeside Hospital, was elected president by acclamation. The association numbers sixty-eight, fifty of whom are charter members, and the others have been admitted during the year. The efforts of the organization have been directed towards the establishment of district nursing in Cleveland.

PENNSYLVANIA

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA

DELEGATES to the Congress are:

MISS SARA RUDDEN, born in New York City, graduated from the Convent of the Immaculate Heart at Reading, Pennsylvania, afterwards from the Training-School of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1893, and at present is doing private nursing.

MISS MARGARET G. FAY was born in Pennsylvania and graduated from the Altoona High School. She afterwards graduated from the Training-School of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1898, and at present is night superintendent at the University Hospital.

The Alumnae Association of the Training-School of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania was organized in February, 1893, through the efforts of Miss Jane A. Delano, who was its first president. The association has grown each year, and at this date numbers one hundred and eleven members. The members are working very strenuously to raise funds to endow themselves a room in the hospital. Efforts are being made to secure a post-graduate course for the older members at their own hospital. They have been combining their winter course of study for the past two years with that of the Alumnae of the Pennsylvania and Presbyterian Hospitals.

WOMAN'S HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, PHILADELPHIA

MISS ANNA M. PETERS, Class of '97, is the delegate from the Woman's Hospital Training-School Alumnae, Philadelphia.

Miss Peters is an American by birth. She is engaged in private

nursing, being located in Philadelphia in the winter and at Bar Harbor during the summer months. It is largely owing to Miss Peters's efforts that an endowed bed for graduate nurses has been secured in the Woman's Hospital.

The Woman's Hospital Alumnæ Association was organized in February, 1889, with a small membership, which has gradually increased to sixty. Each year the society gives a tea to the graduating class, and since 1898 it has become a custom for a representative to give an address to the class at the commencement exercises.

The most important work of the association has been the endowment in the Woman's Hospital of a bed for sick nurses. Entertainments of various kinds have been given to raise money for this end, and at the commencement exercises in 1900 the alumnæ representative turned over to the hospital treasurer the first thousand dollars for this purpose. This amount entitles the society to the use of a bed for three months of the year. Sick-relief has always been given to members needing financial aid.

PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, PHILADELPHIA

MISS ANNA C. GARRETT, the delegate from the Pennsylvania Hospital Training-School Alumnæ, Class of '96, is a head nurse in that hospital at the present time, and since her graduation has been almost constantly in a similar position or as night superintendent.

The Alumnæ Association was formed in 1897, the first meeting being called by the superintendent of the Training-School, Miss Lucy Walker. There are now seventy-four members. This association unites with those of the Presbyterian and University Hospitals in arranging a course of study, each association providing ten lectures.

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, PHILADELPHIA

MISS ANNIE SMIRK graduated from the hospital in 1894. She had charge of Dr. Montgomery's private hospital for some time, went out to Manila as an army nurse in 1899, and since her return has been very successful as a private nurse in Philadelphia.

The Alumnæ Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia was organized in the spring of 1895, and two years later, April 26, 1897, it was incorporated. In 1895 the members numbered twenty-five, while to-day the list of members has increased to seventy-eight.

The first president was Mrs. Howard S. Anders, but since the incorporation Miss Milne, directress of nurses, has filled the position.

The corporation was formed for the purpose of promoting unity and good feeling among the *alumnæ*, advancing in every way the professional standing of trained nurses, promoting social intercourse and good-fellowship among the members, extending aid to those in trouble, and establishing a fund for the benefit of any sick among the members.

It was proposed in 1897 to establish a fund for the endowment of a room in the hospital for the benefit of sick members. In 1900 Mr. James F. Magee, one of the trustees of the hospital, and his brother donated six thousand dollars to the hospital for an endowed bed, which he generously placed at the disposal of the *alumnæ*. The association added two thousand dollars to this fund, leaving two thousand dollars to be collected to complete the endowment of the room.

THE ALICE FISHER ALUMNÆ, PHILADELPHIA

Miss C. JOSEPHINE DURKEE, who represents the Philadelphia Hospital Nurses' *Alumnæ*, of the Class of '86, was trained under Miss Alice Fisher. She was for three years superintendent of the John Sealy Hospital of Galveston, Texas; also had charge of Dr. Meyers's private hospital in Toronto, Canada, and has had an extensive experience as a private nurse.

The Alice Fisher *Alumnæ* was started in 1893. Miss M. E. Smith was elected president, and has remained so since, being reëlected at each annual meeting. Out of the *alumnæ* a club has grown and is a successful house for private nurses, its club side not being well developed. The dues are for the *alumnæ* one dollar a year, with an optional fifty cents for a sick-benefit fund, to be used at the discretion of the Executive Committee, in whose hands the details of all arrangements made between meetings lie. The membership is about three hundred. Until the last annual meeting, always held on Easter Monday, meetings were only held once a year. Since Easter, 1901, they are held monthly.

A course of lectures has been given almost every year, but these courses have been very poorly attended. A box for questions on any professional subject has been instituted since Easter, and at the monthly meetings many interesting subjects have been discussed.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ, SOUTH BETHLEHEM

DELEGATES to the Congress are:

Miss WHITE, a graduate of St. Luke's, who has held the position of superintendent of the hospital and Training-School for the past twelve years.

MISS PARISH, president of the Alumnæ Association, who is now superintendent of the hospital of the State University of Iowa.

The Alumnæ Association of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School for Nurses was organized October 18, 1897, with the enrolment of twenty-five members. The first president was Miss M. Spach, then superintendent of the Twin City Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Since its organization the meetings have been well attended, showing a growing increase in the interest in the hospital and Training-School. An appropriation is voted each year to enhance the beauty or comfort of the Nurses' Home. A sinking fund is established with the remainder of collected dues. This is to be used as a permanent benefit or sick fund. The association now numbers forty-five members.

RHODE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, PROVIDENCE

MISS MARY A. QUINN was born and educated in New Hampshire. In 1892 she graduated from the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School and became a private nurse in Providence, Rhode Island. She is also a member of the order of Spanish-American War Nurses.

MISS ELLEN A. KENNY is a native of Newport, Rhode Island. She graduated from the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School for Nurses in 1897, and is a member of the order of Spanish-American War Nurses. She is a district nurse at Providence, Rhode Island.

A meeting was held by the graduate nurses of the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School for Nurses on May 12, 1896, for the purpose of deciding on the formation of an alumnæ association. As very few of the nurses understood what was to be done, the superintendent of nurses, Miss Emma L. Stowe, was asked to help them.

She opened the meeting with remarks as to the object of the alumnæ and the advantage it would be to graduate nurses. A rising vote was taken, and nineteen out of the twenty graduates present voted to form an alumnæ association.

It began with a membership of thirty-seven. Miss M. Grace Hills, Class of '94, was the first president, and to her efforts the success in forming the association was largely due.

The objects of the association were similar to those of other organizations of this kind. Although a benefit fund has not yet been estab-

lished, the sick nurses have always been remembered. The members take an active interest in the meetings, classes, and lectures, and find that they are greatly helped by them. As each class graduates the members are interested in the *alumnæ*, and when approached on the subject are eager to join. The association has now a membership of one hundred and two.

VIRGINIA

OLD DOMINION HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ, RICHMOND

MISS C. V. AUSTIN, president of the society and superintendent of the Old Dominion Hospital, delegate; MISS A. W. McCLURG, Class of '99, alternate.

A charter was granted by the State of Virginia to the Old Dominion Hospital Alumnæ Association February 8, 1898. The *alumnæ* was then organized with a membership of ten graduate nurses, with Miss C. H. Johnston as president and the usual officers.

Each year the Alumnæ Association has given its new members a banquet, or entertained them in some enjoyable way. It now has a membership of thirty.

The honorary members of the association are Miss S. H. Cabaniss, former superintendent of the hospital, Mrs. Isabel Hampton Robb, Miss M. A. Nutting, and Miss L. L. Dock.

The Class of 1900 inaugurated a Nurses' Settlement, having for its object the establishment ultimately of a system of district or instructive visiting nursing among the very poor, and at the last meeting of the Legislature a charter was granted which exempts it from taxation, and as an institution of public charity, the city appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars for the work. This, with other donations and the nurses' dues, make the settlement self-supporting.

The past year has been more important than any previous year in the history of the association, as the above-mentioned Nurses' Settlement was established and the much desired Nurses' Club was opened in June, where the future meetings will be held. A study course for the *alumnæ* will be arranged, also a course of lectures for the winter months. There has been more interest manifested among the members than formerly, and the meetings have been better attended.

The society is much indebted to Miss S. H. Cabaniss, former superintendent of the hospital, the hospital staff, and the faculty of the Medical College of the University of Virginia for the assistance and consideration extended to the association at all times.